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1. When a Polish and a Soviet ship lie side by side in any port, either in Poland or abroad, the politruk of the Polish ship always reminds the seamen that if a Polish seaman wants to visit the Soviet ship, it must be arranged through the Politruk. The politruk of the Polish ship must inform the captain of the Soviet ship, in writing, that the seaman (or seamen) in question wants to visit the Soviet ship.
2. Only exceptionally, and only in Soviet harbors such as Odessa or Murmansk, do such visits take place. Polish seamen never visit Soviet ships in any European or Polish harbors.
3. On the other hand, Soviet seamen, without asking anyone and without reporting to anyone on the Polish ship, come over and ask for cigarettes and mostly for schnapps. The Soviet seamen have only Soviet cigarettes, while on the Polish ships, in addition to Polish cigarettes, there are also other makes, generally American.

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